Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was established by people with hard work, perseverance and dedication and duty to provide for their families and their fellow man; and,

Whereas, Gerald Loren Ebel first began his career at the Human Services Center on January 2, 1974, took a 6-year break from 1978 to 1984 when he retired and has over 26 years of service to the state; and,

Whereas, Gerald served both the former and new Human Service Center and applied his skills ranging from positions as mental health aide, mental health assistant, chemical dependency counselor and most recently as chemical dependency program supervisor; and,

Whereas, Gerald will be remembered for his passion for helping the chemically dependent and the mentally ill, his no-nonsense approach to his professional and personal life and his hope to "just be remembered"; and,

Whereas, Gerald's retirement on June 8, 2006, will allow him to spend more time with his family, friends, canine friends, riding his new motorcycle, service to his church and working at Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this special South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2006, as

GERALD EBEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him good health and happiness in his well deserved retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State